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SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF WINDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1878.

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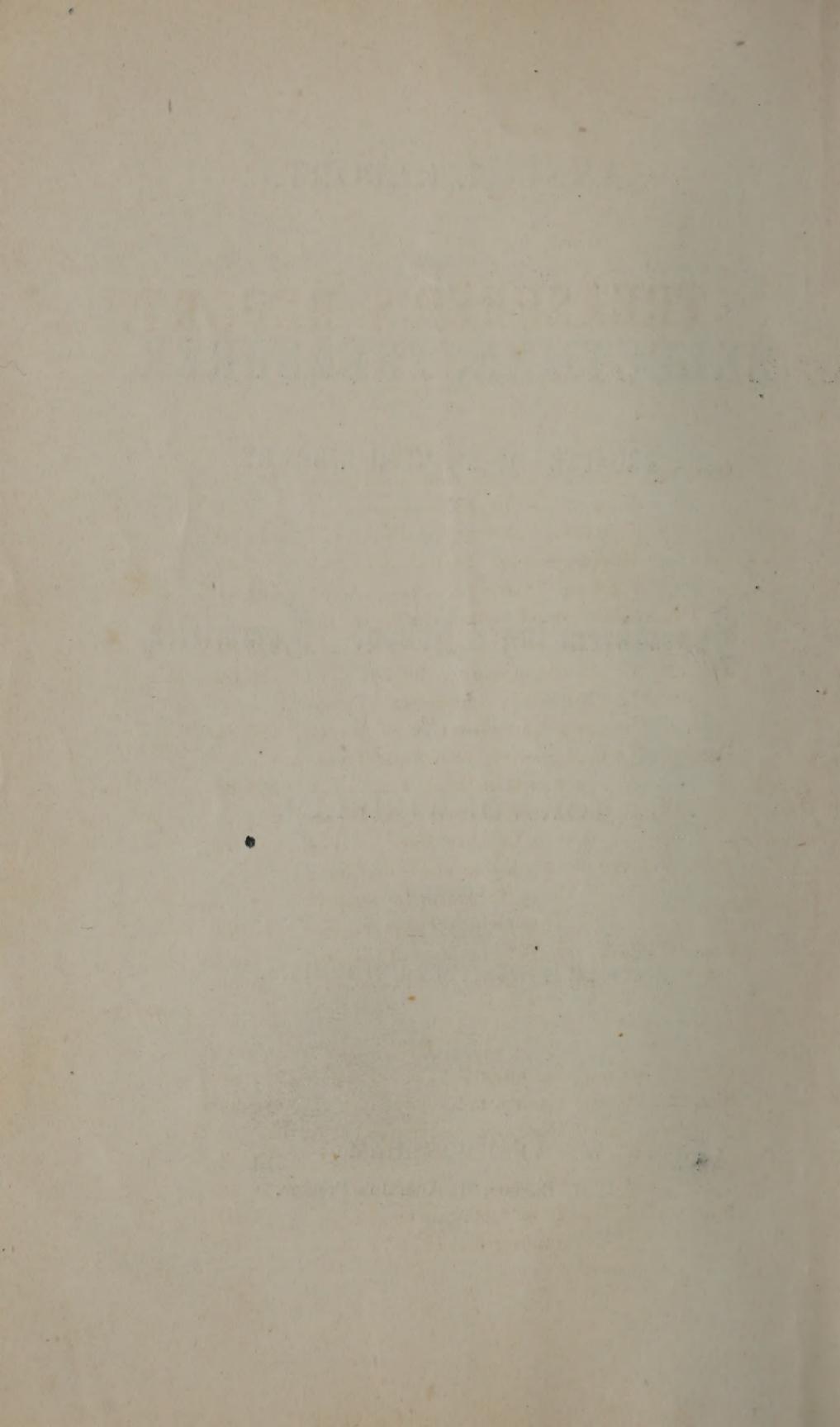
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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1877	Dr.	
Mar. 1st. Due from Collector for 1875,....	\$25 00	
" Interest due for 1875,.....	2 50	
" Due from Collector for 1876,....	254 00	
" Interest due for 1876,.....	6 35	
" Cash in Treasury,.....	582 91	
To Taxes assessed and made payable to the Treasurer for 1877,.....	4326 84	
June 26. To amount of dog tax for 1877,...	65 00	
" To Cash received from State Treas- urer as Savings Bank tax,..	390 24	
Dec. 20, To Cash received from State Treas- urer as Rail Road Tax,.....	298 98	
" To Cash received from State Treas- urer as Literary Fund,.....	61 06	
1878, Feb. 20, To Cash received from Coun- ty Treasurer for support of County Paupers,....	62 00	
Feb. 26, Cash received for use of Town House,.....	25 50	
		— \$6100 38

Cr.	
Dec. 20, By paid State tax,.....	\$772 00
Sept. 25, " paid County tax,.....	840 24
" " paid Highway receipts for 1876,	104 53
" " " " " 1877,	613 54
" " " 130 Orders: Amount,....	2831 18
Mar. 1, '78, Due from Collector for 1876,..	10 00
" Interest for 1876,.....	1 00

Mar. 1, '78, Due from Collector for 1877,..	500 00
"    Interest for 1877,.....	10 00
"    By Cash in Treasury Mar. 1st.	
1878,.....	417 89
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	\$6100 38

## STANDING OF THE TREASURY.

Cash in Treasury Mar. 1st. 1878,.....	\$417 89
Due from Collector for 1876,.....	10 00
"    "    "    Interest for 1876,.....	1 00
"    "    "    for 1877,.....	500 00
"    "    "    Interest for 1877,.....	10 00
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	\$938 89
Deducting Highway receipts outstanding,	254 89
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	\$684 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount rec'd and due the Treasury,..	\$6100 38
Paid 130 Orders,.....	2831 18
Highway receipts,.....	718 07
State tax,.....	772 00
County Tax,.....	840 24
Highway receipts outstanding,.....	354 89
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	\$5416 38

Balance in favor of the town, Mar. 1, 1878,	\$684 00
Amount of dog tax assessed in 1877,.....	\$65 00
"    of damage paid for sheep,.....	9 00
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Amount remaining in Treasury for 1877,..	\$56 00
"    "    in Treasury for 1875-6,..	66 00
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Total,.....	\$122 00

B. E. Blanchard, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors, have examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. O. DINSMOOR, }  
L. L. FISH, } AUDITORS.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Hiram S. Reynolds balance due as Selectman for 1876,.....	\$6 60
John L. Hardy balance due as Selectman for 1876,.....	5 00
John H. Dinsmore balance due as Selectman for 1876,.....	5 50
Edwin O. Dinsmoor, Auditor for 1876,	4 00
Samuel Campbell, " " "	4 00
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	\$25 10
Paid Hiram S. Reynolds, services as Selectman for 1877,.....	\$60 50
John L. Hardy, services as Selectman for 1877,.....	39 60
John H. Dinsmore, services as Selectman for 1877,.....	38 50
Charles Packard, Superintending School Committee for 1877,....	40 00
Miner G. Frye, services as town Clerk for 1877,.....	\$25 00
B. E. Blanchard, Treasurer, 1877,..	25 00
Horace Berry, Collector of taxes, 1877,	50 00
Leonard A. Morrison, Moderator, "	4 00
E. O. Dinsmoor, Auditor, 1877,....	4 00
Lewis L. Fish, Auditor, 1877.....	4 00
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	\$290 60

## PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, Town appropriation,.....	\$183	93	
"    1, Literary money,.....	14	04	
"    2, Town appropriation.....	182	55	
"    2, Literary money,.....	7	04	
"    3, Town appropriation,.....	148	12	
"    3, Literary money,.....	11	54	
"    4, Town appropriation,.....	101	77	
"    4, Literary money,.....	5	31	
"    5, Town appropriation,.....	141	38	
"    5, Literary money,.....	5	55	
"    6, Town appropriation,.....	132	46	
"    6, Literary money,.....	11	04	
"    7, Town appropriation,.....	85	29	
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		\$1030	02

Balance of Literary money due Dis. No. 7  
1877, \$6 54

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel Anderson repairing highways in 1876,.....	\$ 5 83
Daniel Haskell repairing highways in 1876,.....	5 00
W. C. Humphrey repairing highways near old town farm 1876,.....	3 60
Benj. F. Wilson repairing highways in 1876,.....	7 38
Benj. H. Hughes repairing highways in 1876,.....	50
C. B. Clark, repairing highways in 1877,.....	7 16
Isaac Richardson for widening & build- ing wall on the road leading round lower end of Corbett's pond 1877,	64 25

Paid Jacob A. Nesmith repairing highways		
1877,.....	\$4 65	
John L. Hardy repairing highways		
April, 1877,.....	14 40	
Wm. H. Proctor repairing the old turn-		
pike road 1877,.....	22 00	
I. P. Cochran repairing highways 1877,	1 25	
I. W. Haseltine repairing highways		
1877,.....	24 60	
John A. Park repairing highways		
1877,.....	2 70	
L. J. Griffin repairing highways 1877,.	2 10	
W. C. Humphrey building over bridge		
1877,.....	4 05	
David Laro 3 days labor on highway		
1877,.....	3 75	
Horace Berry repairing highways 1877,	20 00	
F. A. Varnum repairing highways		
1877,.....	4 50	
Milton Pecker repairing highways 1877,	3 00	
James Cochran repairing highways		
1877,.....	3 50	
James Cochran repairing bridge on com-		
mon 1877,.....	2 00	
A. Goodwin repairing highways 1877,	3 90	
John W. Hanson repairing highways		
1877,.....	83	
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	\$210 94	

## SNOW PATHS.

Paid John A. Moore,	1877,	\$3 50
Joseph L. Cottle,	"	18 33
Pierce S. Call,	"	8 45
Wm. C. Humphrey,	"	10 50
Samuel Campbell,	"	22 92

Paid Benj. F. Wilson,	1877,	\$5 36
Benj. H. Hughes,	"	10 33
Thomas W. Simpson,	"	6 67
Richard Esty,	"	17 60
W. C. Humphrey,	1878,	1 05
Horace Berry,	1877-8,	3 57
J. P. Crowell,	"	2 18
Patrick Hayes,	"	4 42
Wm. H. Armstrong,	"	3 45
John L. Hardy,	"	1 65
F. A. Varnum,	"	2 40
John Rowe,	"	3 00
James Barker,	"	5 40
J. C. Armstrong,	"	67
Wm. H. Proctor,	"	3 15
I. W. Haseltine,	"	1 80
A. Goodwin,	"	2 10
John A. Park,	"	2 10
J. Stickney,	"	1 08
E. O. Dinsmoor,	"	2 77
George W. Hughes,	"	6 00
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		\$150 95

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Klein & Miltemore over valuation 1876,	\$1 23
Isaac Richardson, " " "	3 93
Wm. H. Smith, Poll 1876,.....	1 31
Israel Gauthier, Poll and stock 1876,..	3 29
Obadiah Dustin, Error 1876,.....	92
Charles H. Wilson, Poll 1876,.....	1 31
Obadiah Dustin, Error 1877,.....	81
Wm. H. Smith, Poll 1877,.....	1 15
Chas. Smith, 2d. Poll 1877,.....	1 15
Frank H. Carter, Poll 1877,.....	1 15
B. E. Blanchard, over valuation,.....	5 75

Paid J. W. Dinsmoor, over valuation 1877,	\$3 45
David Laro, 1876,.....	2 00
Nathan Caldwell, Poll 1876-7,.....	2 39
Asa Kent, Poll & Dog 1877,.....	2 15
J. F. Hunnewell, Error,.....	1 75
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	\$33 74

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid H. S. Reynolds, for keeping 2 travelers	
March, 1877,.....	\$1 00
Daniel W. Dimock, attendance & medi- cine for Peter Demeritt 1877,.....	19 50
Napolean Girard, for nursing Peter De- meritt 1877,.....	37 50
Giles Merrill, for keeping 6 travelers 1877,.....	4 00
C. A. Reed, for keeping 4 travelers 1877,.....	2 50
John L. Hardy, boarding A. Hutchins, and 2 children 1 4-7 weeks 1877,.	5 00
John H. Dinsmore, for keeping 21 trav- elers 1877,.....	15 75
John L. Hardy, for keeping 15 trav- elers 1877,.....	11 25
Perly Parker, for carrying Peter De- meritt to Lowell, 1877,.....	65
H. S. Reynolds, for keeping 70 trav- elers 1877,.....	42 00
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	\$139 15

## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid George E. Seavey, for boarding Mrs.	
Peabody and 3 children 12 W'ks	
ending M'ch 1st. 1877,.....	60 00

Paid George E. Seavey, for boarding Mrs.			
Peaboddy & 3 children 30 weeks			
from M'ch 1st. 1877,.....	\$150 00		
Frank D. Pollard, balance due County			
for board of Wm. R. Daniels, end-			
July 23, 1877,.....	83 71		
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			\$293 71

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Samuel Campbell, for Cash paid for			
recording deeds and express 1875,	\$1 75		
William C. Humphrey, for damage to			
team wagon on bridge near H. H.			
Clark's 1876.....	5 00		
Benj. O. Simpson, for Oil & Lamp			
Chimneys 1876,.....	1 65		
James H. Barker, Printing town Re-			
ports,.....	76 50		
Charles Packard, Treasurer of Nesmith			
fund,.....	60 00		
Jacob A. Nesmith, Amount raised to in-			
sure School-house in Dis. No. 6,			
1877,.....	25 00		
Miner G. Frye, Ledger for N. Library,			
1877,.....	5 25		
Gage & Jones, Damage to horse and			
harness on County road Dec. 1876,	140 00		
Rei Hills, services relative to holding an			
inquest over the remains of Mrs.			
Plummer 1877,.....	1 00		
James H. Barker, printing 1500 high-			
way receipts,.....	1 59		
Edw'd P. Richardson, for insuring town-			
house and Library, Policies expir-			
ing Dec. 17th. 1882,.....	93 00		
Horace Berry, for tax bills 1877,....	1 80		

Paid Wm. H. Armstrong, 1 cord wood for	
Hall 1877,.....	\$5 00
L. J. Griffin, Broom & Oil for Hall	
1877,.....	3 18
Horace Berry, Cash paid for notifying	
nonresidents,.....	3 00
Charles Packard, for book covering and	
Express on books for Nesmith Li-	
brary 1877,.....	5 46
Wm. A. Dinsmoor, for public watering	
trough 1877,.....	2 00
J. H. Barker, for printing 1000 Libra-	
ry Labels 1877,.....	\$1 40
Wm. C. Harris, for making Affidavit	
1877, .....	1 25
Clarissa Hills,as Librarian & covering	
books 1877,.....	36 00
A. E, Simpson, for public watering	
trough 1877,.....	2 00
Miner G. Frye, Cash p'd for Jury box	
and postage Stamps 1877,.....	4 66
John H. Dinsmore, for use of horse	
1877,.....	6 00
H. S. Reynolds, Cash paid J. C. East-	
man for examining Daniels 1877,	10 00
H. S. Reynolds, for blank books and	
stationery, 1877,.....	7 55
H. S. Reynolds for Car fare postage &	
Counsel 1877.....	16 08
Abel Dow for public watering trough	
1877,.....	2 00
John L. Hardy, use of horse 1877,....	6 00
James Cochran, for care of town and	
hearse house 1877,.....	13 00
James Cochran, for chopping, hauling,	
fitting and putting in wood for town-	
house & Library,.....	8 35

Paid Stevens & Parker for counsel and advice,.....	\$11 00
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	\$556 47

### SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Robert Armstrong, 2 Sheep killed by dogs,.....	\$9 00
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### RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received and due the Treasurer for 1877,.....	\$6100 38
Paid State tax,.....	772 00
County tax,.....	840 24
Town Officers,.....	315 70
For Schools,.....	1030 02
Snow paths,.....	150 95
Abatement of taxes,.....	33 79
Miscellaneous,.....	556 47
County Paupers,.....	139 15
Town Paupers,.....	293 71
Highway receipts,.....	718 07
Highways and Bridges,.....	210 95
Sheep killed by dogs, .....	9 00
5 Orders reported last year as outstanding,.....	91 44
Whole am't paid and orders drawn,.....	\$5161 49
Estimated amount of highway receipts outstanding,.....	254 89
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Total assets,.....	\$5416 38
	684 00

Respectfully Submitted,

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS,	Selectmen of Windham.
JOHN L. HARDY,	
JOHN H. DINSMORE	

We, the undersigned, Auditors, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct, with sufficient vouchers.

E. O. DINSMOOR,      }  
L. L. FISH,              } Auditors.

### MINISTERIAL FUND.

#### REPORT OF AGENT.

Dr.

To two bonds against the City of Manchester,\$1500 00	
Am't in Manchester Savings Bank,.....	487 94
Interest on money in Bank,.....	22 57
"    " bonds,.....	90 00
	—————
	\$2100 51

Cr.

By two bonds against the City of Manchester,\$1500 00	
Money in Manchester Savings Bank,...	487 94
Paid Interest, Presbyterian Religious Socie-	
ty,.....	90 00
Interest, Manchester Savings Bank,...	22 57
	—————
	\$2100 51

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, AGENT.

#### TOWN HALL

Dr.

Paid Wm. H. Armstrong, 1 cord wood	
1877,.....	\$5 00
L. J. Griffin, Broom & Oil 1877,....	3 18
James Cochran, care of town-house....	10 00
"    " for cutting, fitting and	
putting in wood for town-house and	
Library,.....	8 35
	—————
	\$26 53

#### TOWN HALL

Cr.

Mar. 23, '77, Rec'd of E. Simoneau &	
McLaughlin,.....	\$3 00

Apr. 11, Rec'd of William Humphrey,.....	\$3 00
Apr. 16, " William's Lecture,.....	1 00
May 8, " William Humphrey.....	3 00
Nov. " Miner G. Frye, for use of lower hall,.....	1 50
Nov. " Ellen Cochran, Annual Circle,.....	1 00
Dec. 15, " E. O. Dinsmoor for Festi- val,.....	5 00
Jan. 15, '78, " Wm. D. Cochran, for use of Philharmonic Union,	5 00
Feb. 13, " Ellen Cochran for Quilt- ing party,.....	3 00
Mar. 1. " Prepared wood on hand,..	8 00
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	\$33 50

REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
NESMITH LIBRARY.  
FOR 1877-8.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Money in hands of the Trustees, March,	
1877,.....	\$5.78
Received from town interest on fund,.....	60.00
for expenses of book covering and	
procuring books,.....	5.46
from fines,.....	7.44
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	\$78.68
Paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co. for books,..	\$49.47
for State Maps for library,.....	12.00
for expenses in procuring books,.....	1.80
Money in hands of Trustees,.....	15.41
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	\$78.68
Number of volumes in library at the com- mencement of the year,.....	2067
Number at the present time,.....	2108
Number taken from the library during the year,.....	4851

To the Inhabitants of Windham :

In presenting their seventh annual report of the Nesmith Library, the Trustees take pleasure in saying that it is still in good condition, is largely patronized, and with the natural wear consequent to so general and free use, is carefully guarded by the faithful and efficient librarian in such ways as the regulations for its use specify, and as will best promote the end for which it was founded.

The librarian's report shows an increase of the number of volumes taken from the library the past year, over that of the previous year—an evidence that if the population of the town is not increasing, or scarcely more than holding its own, its inhabitants are increasing in intelligence, and are more fully appreciating the benefits of such a library as we possess and enjoy.

The Trustees would be slow to make any change in the regulations for the use of the library until convinced of its wisdom, and that it accords with the intent of the founder. Conceiving that the fourth in the list of regulations would more fully carry out his wishes as expressed in his will, if the privilege of taking out books were extended to every citizen of the town capable of receiving benefit from such a library, provided in the case of minors parents and guardians are held responsible for the books taken, they have extended that privilege to those as young as eight years of age. If upon trial this change shall not be found to consist with the best interests of the library, or its object, it can at any time be reconsidered.

The thanks of the Trustees are extended to L. A. Morrison Esq. for the gift of a volume to the library during the past year.

If the town would add occasionally, to the interest of the fund, an appropriation of fifty or one hundred dollars to allow of the purchase of books that are very desirable for such a library, but beyond our reach, with the funds now at the disposal of the Trustees, it would be a wise investment. What we gain in knowledge and wisdom, or whatever treasures we gain or transmit to the rising generations, that tend to intelligence, virtue and true happiness, cannot, like treasures of silver and gold, be lost.

Let us then, liberally provide for, and faithfully improve such a

means of improvement as a good public library.

CHARLES PACKARD,  
HIRAM S. REYNOLDS,  
JOHN L. HARDY,  
JOHN H. DINSMORE,  
MINER G. FRYE,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Windham, March 1st. 1878.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of Windham presents the following report of the schools for the year 1877-8.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The three successive terms of this school were taught by Miss Addie M. Greely of Londonderry. The last of these makes the tenth term that she has taught this school, which of itself is a testimonial in her favor as a teacher, of no doubtful import. The same general characteristics have continued to appear in the terms of the past year as in former terms—good government, a commendable measure of interest in study, and steady progress. The Committee would note with pleasure, what has appeared also in some of the other schools, the self-respect of the scholars so generally, as to deportment, and regard to their teachers wishes and efforts, as well as a seeming consciousness of the object to be aimed at in the pursuit of their studies. Such cooperation on their part, renders the efforts of the teacher doubly effective, and makes the government of the school comparatively easy. Some of the exercises in connection with the examination of the last term, especially “the paper,” were of special merit; and the expression of interest in the teacher on the part of the scholars made a fitting and happy close.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Carrie H. West of Winchester, Mass. Miss W's literary qualifications for the school were unquestioned ; but dissatisfaction on the part of some of the district with her services the previous summer operated to her disadvantage in beginning another term. The Committee was not aware of the extent of this dissatisfaction until after she had commenced the school ; and though having some doubt as to what the best interests of the school required in the circumstances, after inquiring into the nature of the grievance, yet hoping that it would admit of explanations and removal, concluded to allow the school to proceed on trial. The result was a more sucessful term than the previous one taught by the same teacher. This induced the Committee to allow her to commence on trial the Fall term, but after keeping one week, a change of teachers was deemed expedient, and at the suggestion of the Committee Miss West withdrew.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Ada Martin of Lowell, Mass. Miss M. soon won the confidence and love of her scholars by the interest she evinced in them and in her work , and her success, both in governing and teaching the school was very manifest ; and her scholars parted with her with regret.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. F. J. Hughes of this town. The number of scholars this term embraced several of the larger scholars of the district, which gave additional character and interest to the school. Mr. H. labored faithfully and succeeded well. The scholars showed a good degree of proficiency at the examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Belle S. Doe of Reading, Mass. The general management of this school was not altogether what is desirable or necessary to the best results, owing

in a measure doubtless to the want of experience in teaching on the part of Miss D. as well as to some want of influence over her scholars that a teacher is expected to gain. Her efforts to advance her scholars would have been more successful, had she been more uniform and patient in such efforts. The school also labored a little at times under her instruction ; but on the whole it showed a good degree of improvement, especially the second term, some scholars made better improvement than others.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Summer and Fall terms of the school in this district were taught by Miss Clara E. Spofford of Pelham. The order of this school was better the first term than the second. More tact in teaching and more executive force would have rendered the efforts of the teacher more successful, yet the school improved in her hands, and made a favorable appearance at its close.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Florence E. Boyd of Londonderry, a former teacher of this school. Her mode of teaching is simple, and suited to interest her scholars in their studies and to stimulate them to effort, she leaves a point for examination clear in their minds, before taking up another, and thus leads them along to thoroughly comprehend what they are studying. The Committee was gratified to find at the close of the school so good evidence of progress generally. This was especially true of some classes. The order of the school was also good.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Ellen L. Hills of this town was the teacher of both terms of this school. It is a pleasure to see a school under such discipline and instruction as this school evinced. Without seeming to make any extraordinary effort yet still Miss H. did not spare effort to fulfil her varied duties as teacher. Patient, diligent and

thorough in her instruction, while still holding the reins of government with a vigilant eye and an even hand she succeeded well in her work. The scholars were interested and made good improvement. Some very creditable exhibitions were made by them at the examination, especially of skill and accuracy in geographical drawings on the boards.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

Both the Summer and Winter terms of this school were taught by Miss Mattie Scribner of Raymond. As in No. 1, so in this district, the school welcomed back an old teacher, who had taught it eleven terms before the last, including two private schools. Miss S. has labored with her usual zeal and energy to advance her scholars ; and success in a marked degree has crowned her efforts. Her school was well governed, though to effect it required a vigilant eye and a determined and persevering effort. It was also well instructed. She spared no pains nor time that her duties might be faithfully discharged, working over the required hours almost every day. The exercises of the examination, and the exhibition of talent for speaking and writing at the close of the last term. reflected much credit both on the teacher and the scholars.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Lottie A. Reynolds of this town was the teacher of the school of one term in this district ; and by her kind manner, her patient and faithful efforts and the experience of former terms in teaching, proved herself a successful teacher of this school. She kept good order, and gave good instruction, and the Committee was well satisfied with the result of her efforts.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

In reviewing the general condition of our schools for the year

past, the Committee would first note with pleasure the improvement made in the school room in District No. 2. New blackboards have been supplied. But one school room in town is at present supplied with a whole copy of an unabridged Dictionary of the English language. This is that of No. 1. Every school room should be supplied with one. As a book of reference and study especially for the larger scholars, as all are gradually coming to be, it is invaluable for every school; and the Committee would earnestly renew the recommendation to every district destitute of one, to see that this deficiency is supplied.

The school house in district No. 3, as previously noticed, greatly needs repairs and painting to render it as inviting and comfortable as every school room should be. The Committee would express the earnest hope that this needed improvement will be made without much further delay.

The Committee has adopted during the year, a new text book of History, to take the place of other Histories now in use as fast as new books on that subject shall be needed. It is that of Quackenbos' "American History" and the "Elementary History" by the same author. The Committee has also adopted his "Illustrations of our Language" as a most valuable supplement to aid in the study of Grammar, and as a substitute for it in the case of those who would become better acquainted with the English language without studying Grammar in the technical sense.

It is a pleasure to the Committee to notice in the Register the record of so large a number who have visited the schools during the year past. This is an expression of interest in the education of the young, that not only speaks well for parents and citizens, as if appreciating the importance of the object as bearing on the future of the young and of the country, but is greatly encouraging to teachers and scholars. We cannot, for such reasons, spend a few hours every term, more usefully than in thus giving our influence, to the

schools by our presence, both on examination, and other days.

Let us also take good care of our schools. They are the nation's means of safety combined with a pure religion, more effectual to secure to all men their rights and liberties and to promote their happiness, than the mightiest resources united with abject ignorance.

### STANDING OF SCHOLARS.

A PERFECT record, according to the standard of the Register, is to be neither tardy, dismissed nor absent, and to be more than ordinary in deportment. No scholar has fully come up to this standard for the entire year. But the names of those who have come the nearest to it are the following.

Perfect for one term.

Alice F. Hasseltine.	Frank S. Knapp.
Mattie L. Plummer.	Albourne Lord.
Ella M. Reed.	Eddie B. Clark.
Katie E. Hasseltine.	Hermon E. Abbott.
Lizzie M. Dinsmoor.	Ella A. Barker.
Katie A. Dinsmoor.	Annie J. Blanchard.
George A. Hasseltine.	Flora B. Palmer.
Aletto V. Simpson.	Percy J. Call.

Nearly perfect for one term.

Lizzie M. Dow.	Alice D. Davidson.
Willie J. Dinsmoor.	Jennie L. Davidson.
John L. Dinsmoor.	Forest A. Campbell.
Elmer H. Cochran.	Edith G. Frye.
Harlan A. Cochran.	Mary L. Call.
Abbie F. Emery.	Willie S. Harris.
Lillie A. Hasseltine.	John E. Cochran.
Flora M. Coran.	J. Arthur Nesmith.
Nellie F. Wilson.	John F. Thayer.
Nellie M. Alexander.	Charles H. Cochran.

Addie G. Hardy.	Charles P. Woodman.
Clara E. Estey.	Samuel H. Anderson.
George K. Barker.	George M. Call.
Charles A. Barker.	Cindarilla J. Moore.
Henry R. Campbell.	Edwin F. Wilson.
Fred A. Campbell.	Harlan E. Campbell.

Perfect for two terms.

Alice F. Hasseltine.	Aletto V. Simpson.
Nearly perfect for two terms.	

Lizzie M. Dinsmoor.	George K. Barker.
Elmer H. Cochran	Charles A. Barker.
Harlan A. Cochran.	Harlan E. Campbell.
Flora M. Coran.	George M. Call.
Nellie F. Wilson.	Percy J. Call.
Eddie B. Clark.	Mary L. Call.
	J. Arthur Nesmith.

Nearly perfect for the year.

Alice F. Hasseltine.	Aletto V. Simpson.
Eddie B. Clark.	Percy J. Call.
George K. Barker.	George M. Call.
Charles A. Barker.	Mary L. Call.
Edwin F. Wilson.	J. Arthur Nesmith.
Harlan A. Cochran.	

Perfect in attendance for the year.

Aletto V. Simpson.	George K. Barker.
Eddie B. Clark.	Charles A. Barker.
George M. Call.	Percy J. Call.

Perfect in attendance for two years.

Aletto V. Simpson.	George M. Call.
George K. Barker.	Percy J. Call.

Perfect in attendance for three years.

George K. Barker.	Percy J. Call.
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It is but just to say that the names of some nearly perfect for one and two terms, and for the year, would have been recorded perfect but for sickness or violent storm. In some of these instances scholars were so nearly perfect as to be absent but half a day or tardy but once. Let such scholars as well as others, persevere until they reach the point of perfection, in all that makes a perfect scholar. Trying a little harder in the future will result in success.

#### SCHEDULE OF P. COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS.

Prudential Committees.		Teachers.		
District.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
No. 1 Edwin O. Dinsmoor	Addie M. Greely	Addie M. Greely	Addie M. Greely	
" 2 Walter Burnham	Carrie H. West	Ada Martin	F. J. Hughes	
" 3 Frank W. Bean	Belle S. Doe		Belle S. Doe	
" 4 Charles K. Barker	Clara E. Spofford	Clara E. Spofford	Florence E. Boyd	
" 5 Lewis L. Fish	Ellen L. Hills	Ellen L. Hills		
" 6 Jacob A. Nesmith	Mattie Scribner		Mattie Scribner	
" 7 Benjamin F. Wilson	Lottie A. Reynolds			

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Summer.

Fall.

Winter.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
No. of Districts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	6
Length of school in weeks of 5 days	8	9	8	10	10	9	14	8	9	10	11	11	11	15	10	12	
Wages per month including board	28	30	25	26	26	36	24	28	30	26	26	32	30	26	26	36	
No. of scholars 4 years of age and upward	20	7	21	8	15	27	14	19	12	8	10	24	10	26	13	28	
Average attendance	17	5	18	7	11	20	10	18	11*	6	9	20	9	18	12	21	
No. between 5 & 15 years not attending	6	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	
No. of visits by S. S. Committee	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	
No. of visits by Prud. "	2	3	2	1								2	1		1		
No. of visits by Citizens	13	12	12	22	34	50	20	7	21	18	44	31	17	10	18	20	
No. of scholars attending to Reading	20	7	17	8	16	25	14	19	9	8	11	24	10	26	13	27	
No. of scholars attending to Spelling	20	7	18	8	15	25	14	19	12	8	11	24	10	26	13	27	
No. of scholars attending to Penmanship	14	3	7	7	7	9	5	17	9	3	6	16	10	12	10	21	
No. of scholars attending to Arithmetic	20	3	12	5	8	17	6	19	9	8	7	24	9	17	13	23	
No. of scholars attending to Geography	8	3	5	5	5	10	2	8	8	2	5	9	3	5	6	5	
No. of scholars attending to Grammar	8	3	5	3	6	1	8	7	7	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	
No. of scholars attending to Composition							3		3		3					4	
No. of scholars attending to U. S. History							5		5	3	6		5	3		5	
No. of scholars attending to Physiology		1		1								1				4	
No. of scholars attending to Book-keeping					1			1				3		1	6		
No. of scholars attending to Drawing	12				4											1	
No. of scholars attending to Vocal Music	9																
No. of scholars attending to Philosophy	2							2		1		2		1	1	1	
No. of scholars attending to Algebra			1		1								1	1	1	3	
No. of scholars attending to Geometry [phy]																	
No. of scholars attending to Physical Geogra-																1	

\* Fractions omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PACKARD,

Superintending School Committee.

Windham, March 1st. 1878.



